

The 8th Lanson Lecture in Bioethics:

Climate Change, Health, and the Right to a Healthy Environment

Speaker

Jiewuh Song is a Professor of Political Science and International Relations at Seoul National University (SNU). She works on issues at the intersection of law, philosophy, and politics, and has special interests in international legal theory and egalitarian theory. Her publications include “Human Rights and Inequality” (Philosophy and Public Affairs) and “Pirates and Torturers: A Gap-Filling Account of Universal Jurisdiction” (Journal of Political Philosophy). Song received a Ph.D. in philosophy from Harvard University, a J.D. from Harvard Law School, and a B.A. in sociology from SNU. Before returning to SNU to teach, Song held postdoctoral positions at the MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies at Yale University and the Centre for Advanced Studies *Justitia Amplificata*, Goethe University Frankfurt. She was a visiting scholar at the Australian National University’s School of Philosophy in 2016 and a senior fellow at *Justitia Amplificata* in 2018-19. During the academic year 2025-26, Song is a visiting professor at the University of Toronto’s Centre for Ethics.

Moderator

Amos P. K. Tai is a Professor and the Deputy Chair (Education) of the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK). Amos obtained his B.Sc. from MIT, Ph.D. in Environmental Science and Engineering from Harvard University, and was a Croucher Postdoctoral Fellow at MIT before he joined CUHK in 2013. Amos specializes in atmospheric chemistry and physics, ecological climatology, and sustainable agriculture and forestry. His research combines Earth system modeling and big-data analytics to address pressing sustainability issues, including the impacts of air pollution and climate change on forest ecosystems and agriculture, and how food system transformation and better land management can mitigate climate change and environmental pollution. His work has been published in top-ranking journals including *Nature Climate Change* and *Nature Food*, and earned him the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Research Award for Young Scientists, Early Career Award from the Research Grants Council, Science Faculty Young Researcher Award, and founding membership of the Hong Kong Young Academy of Sciences. Amos is also a passionate educator, having received the prestigious CUHK Vice-Chancellor Exemplary Teaching Award and Faculty of Science Exemplary Teaching Awards. He delights in promoting science, environmental and sustainability education for the public, regularly giving talks in schools and public avenues, participating in many TV and radio programs, and providing consulting services to various government departments, international agencies and NGOs. He currently serves as a board member of Friends of the Earth (HK) and Cedar Foundation. For his professional contributions and public services to society, he was named one of the Ten Outstanding Young Persons of Hong Kong in 2024.

Commentator 1

Roger Yat-nork Chung is a social epidemiologist who uses the lens of biomedical ethics and justice to examine the social determinants of health and health inequalities. His current research investigates social determinants such as poverty, deprivation, socioeconomic disadvantage, environmental and housing factors, and migrant status. He is also particularly interested in the health of vulnerable populations, including migrant workers and rare disease patients, and conducts research on aging-related issues such as multimorbidity and long-term/end-of-life care.

Prof. Chung graduated from Johns Hopkins University with a BA (Public Health Sciences), the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health with an MHS, Harvard Medical School with an MBE, and the University of Hong Kong with a PhD in social and lifecourse epidemiology. He is currently the Co-Director of CUHK Centre for

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Commentator 2

Martin O'Neill is Professor of Political Philosophy at the University of York. He is a member of the Trustee Board of the Democracy Collaborative, a think tank based in Washington DC, and is a member of the Expert Network of the World Economic Forum (WEF). Martin was educated at Balliol College, Oxford and Harvard University.

Before coming to teach in York, Martin was previously Research Fellow in Philosophy and Politics at St John's College, University of Cambridge; Hallsworth Research Fellow in Political Economy at the University of Manchester; and a Hoover Fellow in Economic and Social Ethics at the Université Catholique de Louvain. Martin has given invited lectures and papers at a variety of conferences, workshops, and university departments in over 30 countries, on six continents.

Martin's writing has appeared in publications such as *The Guardian*, *The Big Issue*, *Tribune*, and *The Boston Review*, and he has appeared on BBC Radio 4 programmes such as *The Moral Maze* and *In Our Time*. His work on radical approaches to political economy has been discussed in publications including *n+1*, *The Guardian*, and *The Economist*.

Originally from London, Martin lives in York with his wife and four children.

Commentator 3

Lucas Stanczyk is Associate Professor of Philosophy at Harvard University. He works on topics at the intersection of political philosophy and political economy. He has written on liberal rights and constitutionalism, economic justice and exploitation, the moral significance of inequality, and the ethics of the climate crisis. Before joining the Philosophy Department at Harvard, he was Assistant Professor of Political Science at MIT and held visiting fellowships at Brown University and Princeton University.